HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

WRIT PETITION NO. 23077 OF 1994

DATE: 25.1.2007

Between:

R. Krishnamurthy, S/o late Seetharamaiah.

…Petitioner

AND

1. The Secretary to the Government Ministry of Home Affairs, and three others.

….Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

In this Writ Petition, the petitioner questions the action of the respondents in not promoting him as Income Tax Officer, pursuant to the examinations held during the period 1977 to 1980 under the physically handicapped quota. The petitioner claims benefit of 3% of reservation in Group 'C' and 'D' posts in O.M.No. 39616/77 establishment dated 4.11.1977.

It is further stated in the affidavit filed in support of the Writ Petition that the petitioner had approached the Central Administrative Tribunal by filing O.A.No. 614 of 1981 and the same was disposed of on 18.4.1990 holding that the Tribunal had no jurisdiction to entertain the application. Thereafter, the present Writ Petition is filed. It is necessary to note that while the Tribunal had dismissed the O.A on the ground that it lacks jurisdiction on 18.4.1990, the petitioner has approached this court by way of present Writ Petition only on 30.12.1994.

No reasons, much less valid reasons are stated for the inordinate delay in invoking the jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Writ Petition is belated and is liable to be

dismissed on the ground of latches.

Accordingly, the Writ Petition is dismissed. No order as to costs.

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RAMESH RANGANATHAN , J

Dated: 25.1.2007

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